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DECLARATION OF DR. LEO OTTERBEIN UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

Sir:

I, Leo E. Otterbein, Ph.D., hereby declare as follows:

(1) I am a co-inventor with Augustine M. Choi of the subject matter described and presently claimed in the above-identified application. Patty J. Lee is also listed as a co-inventor; however, it is my understanding that Ms. Lee was named in error and that inventorship will be corrected accordingly.

(2) I am co-author with Augustine M. Choi and Lin L. Mantell in the paper entitled "Carbon Monoxide Provides Protection Against Hyperoxic Lung Injury" that was published in the journal Lung Cellular and Molecular Physiology, volume 20, pages L688-L694 (1999).

(3) In the work reported in the above-referenced publication, Lin L. Mantell worked under the direction of Dr. Choi and myself, providing technical assistance. Lin L. Mantell did not make inventive contributions to the present application.

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